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Applicant: H. Kuwajima et al.

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For: HEAD SUPPORT MECHANISM AND
THIN FILM PIEZOELECTRIC
ACTUATOR

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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This is in response to the Restriction Requirement stated in the Office Letter dated December 30, 2002.

The Examiner requires that the claims of either Group I or Group II be elected for prosecution. Applicants elect to prosecute Group I (claims 1-19 and 26-28, drawn to a head support mechanism, classified in class 360, subclass 294.4). This election of claims is made without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,



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